

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

March 28, 2008



Park & Ride Grand Opening. Councilmember Frate, Mayor Scruggs, and other Glendale councilmembers and officials showcased the new Glendale Park & Ride on Tuesday, (3/25). The facility is a "green" design and the first environmentally friendly structure of its kind. Guests learned about these green engineering designs at the event. For example, experts used a water dump truck to demonstrate how the street surface acts as a sponge – eliminating puddles and urban heat. [Read more.](#)

New Boards & Commissions Members. Congratulations to the following Glendale residents who were appointed to serve on city boards and commissions on Tuesday (3/25).

They are Winifred Kultala (Sahuaro District) – Arts Commission; Saif Al-Alawi (vice chair) – Citizen's Bicycle Advisory Committee; John Fernandes – Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission; Erin Hart (chair) and Chris Flippen (vice chair) (Sahuaro District) – Community Development Advisory Committee; and Patrick Sutliff (Sahuaro District) – Planning Commission.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions are citizen advisory groups that research, study and discuss specific projects or issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. [Click here](#) or call the City Council Office at (623) 930-2249 for more information.

Boards & Commissions Recruitment Fair. If you have ever thought about serving on a Glendale Advisory Board or Commission and want to learn more, join us at the Boards & Commissions Recruitment Fair. The event will run from 6-8 p.m., on Tuesday, April 29 at the Glendale Civic Center Annex, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Please bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (623) 930-2814. [Click here](#) to visit the Glendale Boards & Commissions Web site.

Relay for life. Each year, across the nation, one event brings entire communities together to take part in the fight against cancer. The event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®. It's a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives.

Glendale will host its 4th Relay for Life on April 19-20 from 6 p.m. Saturday until 6 a.m. Sunday. Glendale's Relay will take place on the Ironwood High School football field. Teams make camp for this overnight event while members from each team take turns continuously walking or running around the track.

For more information contact event chair GFD Battalion Chief Gary Benson, at (623) 693-0361 or at wbenson@glendaleaz.com. [Read more.](#)

LAST YEAR \$58,000 WAS RAISED FOR THE CAUSE, OUR GOAL FOR 2008 IS \$100,000!



Banner Thunderbird Medical Center Expansion. If you have driven by Thunderbird Medical Center lately, you may have noticed a large crane at the south end of the property. This is a sign that work has begun on an expansion project that includes a new seven-story tower, a new north lobby expansion and various remodeling projects inside the hospital.

The tower is being built north of Eugie Avenue and south of the existing Emergency Department. Although construction started some time ago, it is now evident with 3-4 stories of steel being erected.

If construction fascinates you, observe the process of the tower by driving up to the top floor of the new parking garage. (just north of Eugie Ave.) Once there, you can look out on the tower project and see the steel placement – and if you're lucky – you can see the crane in operation!

Around Town

New Grandparent Support Group. The Glendale Adult Center is hosting a new support group for grandparents who are raising grandchildren or are caregivers of relative's children. The free group meets from 4:30-6 p.m. every first Wednesday of the month and will meet again April 2 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

The support group helps attendees get answers to questions of rights, custody, legal responsibility, medical care, insurance, financial help and resources that are available to those qualified. Techniques that can improve and enhance your life are taught. Additionally, the group provides emotional support and a place where other people understand and share your concerns. For more information, call (602) 274-5022 ext. 44.

Live at the Library. Join us for Glendale's Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On April 3, Hannes Kvaran will be on stage with one of his highly theatrical presentations.

Glendale Family Bike Ride 2008. Ready, set, ride! That's right, it's time for the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride, and 2008's event promises plenty of family fun and exercise. This year's ride is set for Sunday, April 13 with registration from 7-9 a.m. The Ride begins at 8 a.m. at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. Riders have a choice of a 6- or 12-mile ride. Both routes are on neighborhood streets and segments of the Thunderbird Paseo Pathway. If you have young children riding, you may want to go on the shorter route. [Read more.](#)

Golf Tournament Benefits Youth. The Glendale Parks & Recreation Department is holding its second Hook A Kid on Golf Charity Tournament, Saturday, April 12, at the Legend at Arrowhead Golf Club, 21027 N. 67th Ave.

The charity tournament supports Glendale's Hook A Kid on Golf program. This unique program gives youngsters, who normally would not have the opportunity, a complete introduction to the sport of golf without any of the costs that are associated with it.

[Click here](#) for tournament details. Registration will be accepted through March 28 or until full. For more information or to register, please call (623) 930-2042.

Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival. The city of Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will celebrate its 25th year with a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 12-13. The event will run 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. [Read more.](#)

That Thursday Thing! Duck, Duck, Shop! You will be singing "Rubber Duckie, You're the One" on Thursday, April 17th, 5-8 p.m., as Historic Downtown Glendale celebrates "Duck, Duck Shop" at the monthly That Thursday Thing event.

Begin your experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where you will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Follow the "Duck" map to find rubber duckies all along the way! Live entertainment is located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Enjoy an evening filled with music, free horse-drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more. Ollie the Trolley will provide free trolley rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. [Read more.](#)

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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